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For: **MULTIPLE STAGE HYDRAULIC  
PUMP SYSTEM**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add claims 18-20 as follows:

18. The pumping system of claim 1, wherein the at least one valve is capable of producing pressure within a range during a power failure of solenoids.

19. The pumping system of claim 14, wherein the flow control systems includes control valves which are capable of producing pressure within a range during a power failure of solenoids.

20. The pumping system of claim 19, wherein the control valves are designed to have an optimum pressure drop at room temperature or higher thereby.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 18-20 are added for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant now requests examination on the merits.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,



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